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ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SERIAL BANK ROBBERY SUSPECT

*****UPDATE – MAY 20, 2016*****

The serial bank robbery suspect has been identified and arrested.

The Tucson Police Department and the Pima County Sheriff's Department have been working together in an attempt to identify the recent serial bank robbery suspect. During the last two bank robberies, detectives from the Tucson Police Department's Robbery Unit were able to obtain information and forensic evidence that identified 47-year-old Ronald Joseph Wilger as the subject involved. On May 19, 2016, detectives obtained a felony arrest warrant for Wilger reference multiple counts of Armed Robbery.

On May 20, 2016, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Tucson Police Detectives located Wilger at a motel on E Benson Highway. He was taken into custody with the assistance of U.S. Marshals. Wilger was booked into the Pima County Jail for a Felony Parole Violation Warrant and the Armed Robbery Warrant.

The vehicles pictured in the various robberies have all been located and detectives have spoken with the owners. The female who was seen with the suspect in one of the photos has also been identified and located.

Tucson Police Detectives and Pima County Sheriff Detectives will be presenting all of the cases to the Pima County Attorney's Office next week. Additional charges are pending.

A special thanks to the citizens of Tucson and surrounding areas, as well as the various media outlets, for sharing the photographs in an attempt to identify this suspect.

His booking photo is attached below.

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Ronald Joseph Wilger

Sergeant Pete Dugan – May 20, 2016

UPDATE – MAY 18, 2016

The Tucson Police Department is again requesting the public's assistance in attempting to identify a male wanted in connection to several bank robberies in the Tucson area.

On May 17, 2016, at 10:21 a.m., the suspect entered the BBVA Compass Bank located at 2500 North Silverbell Road. The suspect handed the teller a note demanding money and implied he was armed. The male left on foot before receiving money. At 10:48 a.m. the suspect entered the Bank of America at 902 North Stone Avenue. Again, he handed the teller a note demanding money and implied he was armed. During this incident, an employee was in the lobby and the suspect approached her and threatened her with physical violence. The suspect was given an undisclosed amount of money and fled the area on foot. Additional photographs have been provided.

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This male is considered armed and dangerous. If you see him, do not approach and call 911 immediately. If you have information related to these incidents please call 88-CRIME (520-882-7463), you can remain anonymous.

Sergeant Kimberly Bay – May 18, 2016

The Tucson Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in attempting to identify a male wanted in connection to three bank robberies in the Tucson area.

On April 11, 2016, around 3:50 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to a report of a robbery at the Washington Federal bank located at 4910 East Broadway Boulevard. When the officers arrived on scene they learned an adult male entered the bank and handled the teller a note demanding money. The male implied he was armed. He was given an undisclosed amount of money and fled the area on foot.

The suspect is described as a Caucasian male in his 50's, bald head, 5'7" to 5'9" and around 150lbs with a thin build. The male is missing several front teeth and both arms are sleeved with tattoos. The suspect was seen at a nearby business with an African American female. The female was possibly wearing a wig.

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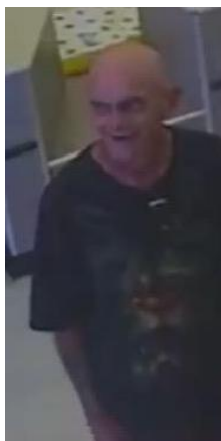
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On April 30, 2016, just before 4:00 p.m., officers from Operations Division South responded to the Chase Bank located inside Fry's grocery store at 2001 East Irvington Road reference a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, officers learned an adult male entered the bank, handed the teller a note demanding money and implied he was armed. He was given an undisclosed amount of money and fled the area. He was seen getting into the passenger side of a light blue or gray passenger car.



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On May 12, 2016, at 11:38 a.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to a report of a robbery at the Tucson Old Pueblo Credit Union located at 2500 East 22nd Street. Upon arrival, officers learned an adult male entered the credit union and handed the teller a note demanding money. The male implied he was armed. He was given an undisclosed amount of money and fled the area. He was seen getting into the passenger side of a white sport utility vehicle (SUV).

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If you have any information related to these incidents, please call Robbery Unit Detective Gamez (520) 837-7551 or 88-CRIME (520-882-7463), if you wish to remain anonymous. If you see this male, please call 911 immediately.

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